

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.:	10/634,080	Art Group:	2168
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Title: **OPEN SYSTEM FOR MANAGING DATA COLLECTIONS INCLUDING  
CONTEXT AND DERIVED ANALYSIS METADATA**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2009, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants petition for a two month extension of time, submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following Preliminary Amendment:

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.